

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

POLYMERIC ANTI-DAZZLE RASTER FOR TUBULAR LIGHT

SOURCES

Please amend from after paragraph 4 on page 1 to before the first full paragraph on page 2 to read as follows:

A generally less [costly] expensive solution [envisages the] would be to manufacture [of the] anti-dazzle rasters [in] from a plastic material [by means of] using injection mo[u]lding. While, [I]in this [way] manner, the side pieces and [the] partitions [are realized] may be formed as a single piece, [but necessarily] the length of [the] a raster [realized] produced in this [way] fashion is necessarily less than that of a normal raster in aluminum, [due to] for reasons [connected] associated with the mo[u]lding operation. In addition, [R]rasters of this type are [also] considered less [appreciable] appealing from an aesthetic point of view, [because] since several modules [have to] must be combined [in order] to cover the length of such lighting fixtures [of this type]. In [fact] particular, the lengths of these fixtures [normally] typically vary from a minimum of about 600 mm to a maximum of about 1800 mm, whereas rasters [in] constructed of plastic [material] do not generally exceed [a length of] approximately 600 mm in length. Furthermore, the individual modules [have to] must be [independently]

separately attached to the body of the lamp [body, so that]. As a result, the structure is [rendered] more complex and [the] lamp replacement [becomes more] is more difficult and laborious.

Please amend page 2, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

[The] Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention [is] to provide a[n] polymeric anti-dazzle raster for tubular light sources that [will] not [be associated with] only avoids the assembl[ing]y problems of conventional metal rasters [that have just been described and that, at one and the same time], but also has the requisite [will have adequate] mechanical strength [and will not give rise, as far as aesthetics are concerned, to] but without the aesthetic drawbacks [associated with] of prior plastic raster[s] arrangements.

Please amend page 2, third full paragraph, to read as follows:

The present invention will now be described with reference to the [following exemplary] description [which is is not to be considered limiting in anyway, such description making] set forth below of specific, illustrative embodiments thereof, made with reference to the [attached] following drawings, in which:

Please amend page 3, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

Referring now to the drawings and more particularly to FIGS. 1-3, there is shown generally a specific, illustrative, anti-dazzle raster, according to one aspect of the present invention. In one embodiment, the raster preferably comprises two side pieces 1 constructed of a suitable material, e.g., aluminum sheeting. A modular element 2 is constructed of a selected number of parallel transverse partitions 3, set a [constant] relatively uniform distance apart, and connected to [each] one another by two bars 4. Partitions 3 and bars 4 are preferably formed into a single piece constructed of a selected plastic material, such as polycarbonate, by injection molding or the like.

Please amend page 3, paragraph 5, to read as follows;

Desirably, [E]each transverse partition has a generally box-shaped configuration and a substantially V-shaped section with two symmetrical shoulders 3a that extend from its upper edge 3b. [The o]Opposite internal faces 3c of each pair of shoulders 3a, together with [the] upper edge 3b of the respective partition, delimit a [kind of] channel-like portion [in which there is] for accommodat[ed]ing [the] fluorescent lamp 5, shown [only] in [Figure] FIG. 2. [The b]Bars 4, on the other hand, are attached to [the] outside_faces 3d of [the] shoulders 3a of each partition [3]. As [is shown] also shown [in the figures], the outside faces [3d] are inclined [in] such [a way] that the two bars [4 come to] lie in two planes [of which], the intersection of which is generally parallel to the axis of the fluorescent lamp.

Please amend page 4, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

[The two s]Side pieces 1 preferably have a conventional arcuate profile that [copies] matches generally the lateral profile of [the] partitions 3. [Both on] Desirably, a projecting tooth is provided on both [the] lateral edges of each [of the] partition[s 3], in proximity [of] to its lower end, [there is provided a projecting tooth 6] that, [on the occasion of] during assembl[ing]y, [is made to] engages by a snap fit [in] with a corresponding seating 7 arranged along a longitudinal edge 1a of each of the two side pieces 1. Once [the] modul[es]ar elements 2 and [the] side pieces 1 have been assembled and attached to [each] one another, [the] an opposi[te]ng longitudinal edge 1b of each of the side pieces [1 comes to] engages [beneath the bar 4 with] a longitudinal groove 4a [provided] beneath bar 4 on the face not in view of [said] the bar. Notches 8 are provided along [the] edge 1b of the side pieces [1] in positions corresponding to each partition 3, the respective widths of the notches being equal to th[at]ose of [the] shoulders 3a so as to permit the side pieces [1] to be[come] engaged beneath the bars 4.

Please amend from after paragraph 1 on page 4 to before the first full paragraph on page 5 to read as follows:

To enable several modul[es]ar elements 2 to be coupled to one another as modules 2a of a raster and, thereby, achieve an anti-dazzle raster of a desired length, while maintaining the same distance between [the] partitions, also at the joint between two adjacent modules, bars 4 project beyond [the] terminal partitions 3e of each module by a length equal to half the distance between two partitions. Advantageously, at the

beginning of the projecting part of each bar 4, a tear-off line, indicated by reference number 9 in FIG. 1, may be provided [in order] to facilitate removal of the projecting part of the bar from [the] terminal modules 2b of the raster. This, in turn, permits application of a closure plug or some other accessory with equivalent functions. Thereby, it is also possible to use a single modular element both as an intermediate module of the anti-dazzle raster and as a terminal module after the projecting ends of the bars [4] have been removed.

Please amend page 5, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

Because of the solution provided by the present invention, [the] assembl[ing]y operations are significantly simplified without [worsening] degradation of the aesthetics of the finished raster product. In fact, [in the] during assembl[ing]y, [phase] the partitions [do] need not [have to] be mounted one at a time, but [can] rather can be mounted in groups, while the external appearance of the raster will be that of a continuous surface, because each of its side pieces is [realized] formed as a single piece. Moreover, [O]nce it is mounted, [moreover,] the raster constitutes a single body and [it] is, therefore, easy to remove when, for example, the lamp has to be replaced.